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| <b>Interview Summary</b> | Application No. | Applicant(s)    |  |
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Date of Interview: 04 April 2005.

Type: a) ☐ Telephonic b) ☐ Video Conference  
c) ☒ Personal [copy given to: 1) ☐ applicant 2) ☒ applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) ☐ Yes e) ☒ No.  
If Yes, brief description: \_\_\_\_\_

Claim(s) discussed: 1 and 10.

Identification of prior art discussed: Yoshida (U.S. 6,052,140).


Agreement with respect to the claims f) ☐ was reached. g) ☐ was not reached. h) ☒ N/A.

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Continuation of Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: Applicants' Representative proposes to amendment claim 1 to include a critical feature of the invention wherein the main scanning beam, which comprises a plurality of sub-beams, comprises an unmodulated energy as a whole having a Gaussian profile. This feature is not taught by the reference in Yoshida, which teaches each of the sub-beams has a separate Gaussian profile. Applicants' Representative will also cancel claim 10 in view of the amendment of claim 1.

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